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Christine J. Briggs, Ph.D. is a Professor in Curriculum and Instruction Department in the College of Education and Human Development and the Director for the Center for Gifted Education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She teaches graduate courses in gifted education, capstone courses (action research), and a series of courses for the exceptional learner concentration for the doctoral degree in educational leadership. At the undergraduate level she teaches a course requiring all seniors in the teacher preparation program to complete an inquiry (action research) project within the second half of their yearlong residency placement. Within this course, students' progress through the problem finding experience and presenting their findings within the course of a semester. This course is part of the pathway for Advance, the university's undergraduate research initiative and supports our R1 status. In addition to many presentations and publications, in 2022 Dr. Briggs book *Agents of change: Guiding teacher to use inquiry to identify challenges and seek solutions* was published by Kendall-Hunt. This text was developed as a support tool for undergraduates conducting action research in the teacher preparation program.

Her research interests include supporting students of diversity and poverty to gain access to challenging and rigorous instruction, identifying ways to support new teachers to become problem finders and solution seekers, examining ways to support able readers in advanced reading opportunities, and examining the impact of using coteaching practices in higher education.

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